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Illegal Opium Production
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in its latest reports has ranked India fourth in the World in terms of illegal opium crop destroyed;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the total quantum of illegal opium produced in the country, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Bangladesh immigrants come to India particularly in West Bengal to cultivate illegal opium; and
(d) if so, the details of such cases reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with punitive measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) and (b): No, the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) in its latest World Drug Report 2016 has not given any specific rank to India in terms of illegal opium crop destroyed.
However, as per World Drug Report-2016, in terms of the Opium Poppy eradication, the destruction done by India of 1636 hectares is the fourth highest after Mexico, Myanmar and Afghanistan in 2014. The details of destruction of illicit cultivation of opium poppy in the country, State/UT wise during last 3 years and the current year are as follows.
Data of Destruction of Illicit Opium Poppy (in acres)

State(s)	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Arunachal Pradesh	1222	1002	399	0
Bihar	36	25	13	375
Himachal Pradesh	0	18	4	0
Jammu & Kashmir	2	47	15	238.7
Jharkhand	247	199	569	474
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0
Maharashtra	0	25	0	0
Manipur	297	815	557	674
Odisha	0	0	0	0
Tripura	0	0	0	0
Uttarakhand	21	87	5	593.05
West Bengal	314	1751	1899	4087
Total	2139	3969	3461	6441.75

*Provisional data
(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.